

REMARKS

Applicant has filed this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to add claims which were withdrawn from consideration in parent application serial no. 09/828,039, filed April 6, 2001. These are claims 15-33 and are, in effect, claims 38 and 52 of the parent application written as independent claims 15 and 27 of the present application. The remaining claims are dependent claims, which are dependent upon either claim 15 or claim 27.

It is also to be noted that it is believed that claims 15-33 of the present application are the joint invention of all of the inventors named in this application, but that claims 1-14 are the sole invention of William N. Aldrich, one of the inventors named in the parent application.

Furthermore, it is also pointed out that, as to claims 15-33, the present application is a division of parent application serial no. 09/828,039 since claims 15-33 correspond to claims which were the subject of a restriction requirement in the parent application and which were withdrawn from further consideration in that application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe's Deposit Account No. 150665 in the amount of \$117.00 to cover the excess claims fee. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any other fees required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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